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FOLLOWING REPEAT OUAGADOUGOU 2299 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ABIDJAN NIAMEY
AND PARIS 15 SEP 75

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PARIS FOR HELMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: WEST AFRICA REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING CENTER

REF: STATE 193630

1. RE PARA 2, REFTTEL, SUBJECT PID ORIGINALLY PROPOSED
ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA STORAGE, INTERPRETATION AND TRAINING
CENTER. HOWEVER, DEVELOPMENTS SINCE WRITING PID NOW MAKE
IT MORE LOGICAL TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR EXPANDING PROJECT
TO INCLUDE GROUND RECEIVING STATION. IN EARLY JULY,
FRENCH SURVEY TEAM STUDIED POSSIBILITIES OF ADDING RECEIVING
CAPABILITIES TO EXISTING METEOROLOGICAL FACILITY AND
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WORKING WITH AID ON SUCH A PROGRAM.

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2. AS RESULT, CDO OUAGA CONCURS WITH AID/W PROPOSAL TO
SEND TWO PERSON TEAM TO REVIEW FULL PROJECT. SUGGEST
TEAM MAKE FIRST STOP PARIS TO TALK WITH:
MR. AUBERET, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES INTERNATIONALES,
DIRECTION GENERALE DE PROGRAMMES, CENTRE U NATIONAL
D'ETUDES SPATIALES. BAUBARET CAN PROVIDE ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 3 REFTEL AND DESCRIBE FUTURE PLANS
FOR OUAGA SATELLITE TRACKING STATION. TEAM SHOULD THEN
PROCEED TO OUAGA FOR TALKS WITH CIEH DIR GAGARA, WHO HAS
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EARTH SATELLITE CORP. SINCE VISIT
TO U.S. LAST SPRNG, AND TAMS PROJECT MANAGER BUURSINK.
LATTER HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVANCING IDEA OF
REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING CENTER AND IS FULLY AWARE OF
LATEHT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA.GRAHAM

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